

REMARKS

The Notice of Allowance dated December 12, 2007, has been received and carefully noted. The above amendments to the claims, and the following remarks, are submitted as a full and complete response thereto.

By this Response, claims 1, 3-5, 15, 17-19, 21-26, and 28-42 have been amended to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter of the present invention. No new matter has been added. Accordingly, claims 1-42 are currently pending in the application, of which claims 1, 15, 29, and 42 are independent claims.

Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1, 15, 29, and 42, and all claims that depend therefrom, are in condition for allowance.

If for any reason the Examiner determines that the application is not now in condition for allowance, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact, by telephone, Applicants' undersigned representative at the indicated telephone number to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this application.

In the event this paper is not being timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. Any fees for such an extension together with any additional fees may be charged to Counsel's Deposit Account 50-2222.

Respectfully submitted,



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